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Commissioner Brendan Carr
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Carr:

Greetings from Action 22 in Southern Colorado. We would like to express our support for your efforts (Docket 17-79, Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment) to streamline federal rules that will encourage investment and help bring the latest technology to communities across the country.

Action 22 is a non-partisan, legislative advocacy organization focusing on the most pressing issues facing our 22 Southern Colorado counties. Technology and connectivity is critical to the livelihood of all the communities within our counties. The rapid pace of technology demands we work together to ensure our policies embrace small cell investment and provide the necessary foundation for 5G connectivity.

Opportunities to bring additional investment to smaller communities are more important than ever. We are encouraged by efforts we have seen to identify and streamline federal rules and regulations around small cell infrastructure. While we understand the need for relevant federal rules and protections appropriate for larger wireless infrastructure, we feel these same rules are not well-suited for smaller wireless facilities and risk slowing deployment in communities that need connectivity now.

We support investment policies now, particularly in smaller communities that depend on wireless internet. Small cells promise to open the door to 5G and future high-speed wireless connectivity, and we appreciate your responsible support for that investment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Blackhurst", is written over a circular stamp that is partially obscured by the signature.

Sara Blackhurst
President, Action 22